



AND LET US RUN  
WITH PERSEVERANCE  
THE RACE MARKED  
OUT FOR US...

HEBREWS 12:1-2



CALVARY CHAPEL  
BEMIDJI

Jan 2023

# *Welcome*

*We are so glad that you have  
chosen to worship with us today!*

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**church center**

# EACH WEEK AT CCB

## SUNDAY

**Worship Services at 8:30 & 10:30am**

*Nursery & Children's Church available at the 10:30 Service*

**Fellowship Potluck Breakfast 9:30-10:15am**

*1st Sunday of the month* in the Fellowship Hall

*Bring a dish to share. October through May*

## TUESDAY

**Men's Prayer 6:00-9:00 am**

## WEDNESDAY

**Adult, Youth & Children's Bible Studies 6:30-8:00 pm**

## SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

### *Women's Winter Bible Studies*

*Habakkuk : Learning to Live By Faith*

*Sunday mornings or Thursday evenings, Starting Jan 22nd.*

*Elijah : Faith and Fire*

*Tuesday afternoons.*

### *January Discipleship Classes*

*Redemptive History : The Story of the Bible*

*January 20-22 • Join the Discipleship School group on Church Center  
for more information and for updates!*

### *Men's Fellowship Dinner*

*Sunday, January 15 @ 5:00 PM in the Fellowship Hall*

*See the church website for more details & the full calendar!*

# Running the Race of Life

## **Hebrews 12:1-2**

*<sup>1</sup>Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles. And let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us, <sup>2</sup>fixing our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith. For the joy set before him he endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.*

### **Do you ever get weary? Or do you ever feel like giving up?**

***If so, you are not alone.*** Many people feel like this each day. The Book of Hebrews was written to people like you and me. The author compares our lives to that of an athlete running a race.

### **So how do we run the race of life?**

**We have the example of others who have gone before us.** In verse 1 it says, “we are surrounded by a great cloud of witnesses.” These witnesses can be found in chapter 11. Warren Wiersbe said, *“When you read the Old Testament, your faith should grow, for the account shows what God did in and through people who dared to trust His promises.”* What Old Testament story do you need to read in order to grow your faith?

**We are also told to “throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles”.** What things in your life are not necessarily sinful but may keep you from serving the Lord wholeheartedly? Or is there a sin that is constantly tripping you up? We are challenged to throw off those things. What is weighing you down?

**We are to live a life of perseverance.** We are not to live a grin-and-bear-it life but rather a life filled with hope. How is your attitude? Are you trusting God even amid difficulty?

Lastly, **“fix your eyes on Jesus.”** The most outstanding example of endurance is Jesus, as witnessed by the account of His life chronicled in the New Testament. Reflect on the things Jesus endured to pay the penalty for our sins. Is your focus on Jesus today?

Keith Pennel

**- GIVING BOX -**

Though we do not “take an offering” during our services, we do provide a way to give financially to Calvary Chapel Bemidji. There is a box for this purpose located in the foyer, or you can also give through our website.

~ 2 Corinthians. 9:7 ~